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Dear legislators,

Please vote YES on HB2922, the Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Plan Act. It has a hearing before the House Committee on Health Care Monday, May 13.

Although Congress and the President have passed the Affordable Health Care Act, I am urging you to work to fix health care at the state level in Oregon. Many Oregon families and businesses are facing financial catastrophe because of the increasing cost of health insurance and medical care. They hope that the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") will cure their problems. Unfortunately it will not.

The Oregon legislature has the opportunity to pull Oregon back from the health care brink. HB 2922, The Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Plan Act, would establish a universal single-payer health care system for all of Oregon. Passing this bill would allow every family in Oregon to get the health care they need when they need it. Oregonians would spend no more on health care than they do now, probably less.

Objections to HB 2922 are not financial; at this moment single-payer systems throughout the U.S. and in Oregon provide better care to more people for less money than our private insurance industry. Almost every large business in Oregon uses its own private single-payer system (also known as "self-funded") to finance health care for its employees. All our armed forces and veterans get their health care through single-payer systems.

Single-payer is not experimental. It provides access when needed. It costs less than private health insurance. And people who receive single-payer care are healthier than they would be with private insurance.

Oddly, the biggest objections to creating a single-payer system in Oregon are not financial. They are based on the erroneous assumption that the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") will solve all our problems.

Please vote YES on HB2922!

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